

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include Figure 1A and Figure 1B, which replace the sheet containing Figure-1 on file and which are being presented in response to the Examiner's objection on page 2 of the Office Action noting that "... the numbers and letters in the figure at the right side above the mass spectra are not legible."

Attachment: Replacement Sheets of Drawings (Figure 1A and Figure 1B).

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the subject application in view thereof are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Status

Claims 18-39 were pending in the application. Of these, claims 18-37 are allowed and claims 38-39 are rejected. Claims 38-39 have been canceled. No new matter is added.

II. Objections to Drawings

The drawings have been objected to based on the ground that “the numbers and letters in the figure at the right side above the mass spectra are not legible.” Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith two sheets of drawings, Figure 1A and Figure 1B, which replace the sheet containing Figure-1 of record. Figures 1A and 1B represent all of the figures appearing on the sheet presently of record. Each replacement drawing sheet has been labeled in the top margin as “Replacement Sheet.” Applicant respectfully believes that the replacement sheets are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). No new matter is added by the present invention.

III. Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification (see pages 3-4 of the Office Action) noting that “[a] brief description of the figure is missing.” In response, Applicant submits the specification has been amended to provide a description of Figure 1A and Figure 1B in the replacement sheets herein. No new matter is added.

IV. Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

Claims 37-38 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,420,319 (“the ‘319 patent”).

Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the applicant’s election to cancel claims 37 and 38, this rejection is moot. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection are respectfully requested

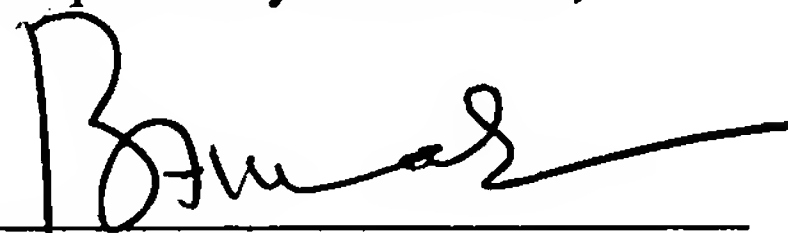
V. Conclusion

Applicant believes this response to be a full and complete response to the Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration in view of this response and allowance of all of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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